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Newfields celebrates historic year at 135th Annual Meeting
Volunteers recognized for exemplary service, new board leaders elected

INDIANAPOLIS, June 11, 2018 — At the 135th Annual Meeting, Newfields celebrated a historic year, including a new campus name, record-high membership, reduction of debt, strong growth in attendance, new art acquisitions and the launch of a new holiday tradition. In its inaugural year, the *Winterlights* celebration doubled projected attendance and attracted thousands of guests to the 152-acre campus for the first time.

During the meeting, three volunteer leaders were recognized for their lifetime achievement and contributions, which helped the organization to reach this exciting new chapter in its history. Awarded annually, the Distinguished Service Award honors exemplary leadership, support and service.

The 2018 Distinguished Service Award recipients are:

Dorit and Gerald Paul

Life trustees Dorit and Gerald Paul have been involved with the IMA for over five decades. This year, Dorit celebrates her 50th year as a docent. She is a founding member of the Asian Art Society (AAS), and is a past president of both AAS and the Contemporary Art Society. She is also a founding benefactor of the Alliance Family Education Fund. Together, the Pauls are involved with several affiliate groups, including the Design Arts Society and Fashion Arts Society.

Dorit currently serves on Newfields Board of Governors. She is Vice-Chair of the Collections Committee and a member of the Building & Grounds Committee. Gerald is a former Board member and previously served on the Museum's Development Committee as well as Chairman of the Marketing Committee.

The couple are avid collectors and have donated works by modern masters like Jean Dubuffet and Antoni Tàpies. Their generosity has supported several exhibitions like *A Joy Forever: Marie Webster Quilts* and the establishment of the Gerald and Dorit Paul Fashion Art and Textiles Galleries, currently home to the special exhibition, *Bes-Ben: The Mad Hatter of Chicago*.

Kay Koch

A life trustee and current member of the Board of Governors, Dr. Kay Koch has been involved with the Indianapolis Museum of Art since 1994. She has served as a docent and member of multiple affiliate groups. Koch helped to build the Museum's permanent collection through her generosity, support and love for contemporary art.

Currently on display in the IMA Galleries, the exhibition *Collecting Contemporaries: Recent Acquisitions from the Koch and Wolf Collections* highlights recent gifts from Koch's collection alongside those from Joan and Walter Wolf—two of the largest gifts of contemporary art ever given to the IMA. Koch's gift ensures that works by artists like Andy Warhol, Judy Pfaff, and Jasper Johns will be available to future generations of Hoosiers. Her avid support of the contemporary art collection also contributed to the recent acquisition of an important work by Michelle Grabner, *Untitled* (2014), as well as other works like Tim Hawkinson's *Mobius Ship* (2006) and Aziz + Cucher's *Man With Computer* (1992).

As a longtime docent, Kay brought the story of the IMA's collection to life for thousands of students. She is a powerful champion of the campus-wide program. She recently underwrote the outdoor infrastructure that makes Winterlights and other outdoor exhibitions possible. Kay's support also made possible the recent publication of *Newfields: A Place for Nature and the Arts* which tells the history of Newfields.

Along with her significant contributions of contemporary art, Koch has supported Museum exhibitions such as *Gustave Baumann – German Craftsman, American Artist*; helped to found the Conservation Science Fund; and was a lead donor for the Design Gallery which reopens with an expanded and refreshed presentation on July 27.

Kay and the Pauls have both made a commitment to shape the cultural life of future generations with gifts through their estates.



Kathryn Betley elected Chairwoman

During the Annual Meeting, two new members were elected to Newfields' Board of Governors: local real estate professional, Tina Pasquinelli, and the Chicago-based vice president of Goldman Sachs & Co., Gary Hirschberg.

A new slate of officers was also elected. Local philanthropist and community leader Kathryn Betley (pictured left) was elected as Chairwoman of the Board. She succeeds Tom Hiatt whose four year tenure included shepherding the institution through a master planning process and onto a path of financial sustainability.

The 2018-2020 full slate of officers are:

- Chair: Kathryn Betley, philanthropist and community leader
- First Vice Chair: David Barrett
- Treasurer and Vice Chair: Michael Kubacki
- Secretary: Darrienne Christian

For a full list of 2018–2019 Board Members, visit DiscoverNewfields.org.

About Newfields

Newfields offers dynamic experiences with art and nature for guests of all ages. The 152-acre cultural campus features art galleries, lush gardens, a historic mansion, performance spaces, a nature preserve and sculpture park. From inspiring exhibitions in the Indianapolis Museum of Art Galleries, to concerts in The Toby, to a stroll through The Garden with a glass of cheer, guests are invited to interact with art and nature in exciting new ways. Newfields is home to the Indianapolis Museum of Art, among the ten largest and oldest general art museums in the nation; the Lilly House, a National Historic Landmark; The Garden, featuring 40 acres of contemporary and historic gardens, a working greenhouse and an orchard; and The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres, one of the largest art and nature parks in the country. The Newfields campus extends outside of Indianapolis with Miller House and Garden in Columbus, Ind.—one of the nation's most highly regarded examples of mid-century Modernist architecture. For more information visit www.discovernewfields.org.

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